

WHITE PINE TELEVISION DISTRICT No. 1

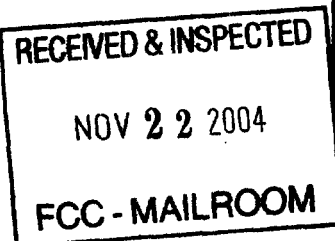
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

REFERENCE: FCC proposal to allow UNLICENCED TRANSMITTERS
ON "VACANT" TV CHANNELS
(DOCKET NO. 04-186)

GENTLEMEN:

We are a local government entity translator district.

We need frequency protection in any area where our translator-received signal is used for retranslation, realistically to a Longly-Rice 64dBu level.

In addition, we need INPUT channel protection to guarantee that we will in fact have a signal to rebroadcast.

We are located in the Western Basin and Range, serving isolated towns, and we depend on our low power translators (with multiple hops) to relay service to these areas.

We must use high gain antennas with the addition of preamplifiers to boost the meager input signal to a 1000 microvolt level in order to get enough signal to process and resend. This is a primary reason to protect our input channels, as well as the output channels.

Any unlicensed communications equipment on so called "vacant" TV channels could "wipe out" our transmit signal by destroying our input, if it were the same channel as our input channels.

Except for "skip" interference, this problem would be eliminated if the FCC would extend frequency protection for our input channels.

We encourage and respectfully request that you extend this protection to your translator licensees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. E. Swain".

R. E. Swain, Chairman
White Pine TV District #1

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